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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 6 is attached hereto.

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- ☒ 6. Reference 2 is a U.S. patent family member of reference 4 and reference 3 is a U.S. patent family member of reference 5.
- ☒ 7. U.S. Patent No. 5,607,892, made of record by the Examiner is a U.S. patent family member of reference 6.
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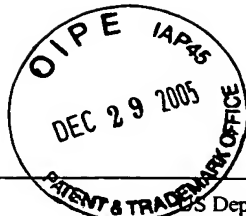
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	6	JP 06-279027	10/4/1994	JAPAN			
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	7	A. F. Holleman et al., "Lehrbuch der Anorganischen Chemie", 1995, page 929					
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